

Policy A16 - Corporate Social Media Policy (Blogs, Facebook, etc.)

Intent

This document is designed to provide all Town of Smoky Lake employees and members of Council with guidelines regarding the appropriate use of the municipalities social media accounts with Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, MySpace, the company's blog (this list is not exhaustive).

Guidelines

- Employees / Council may not disclose confidential or proprietary information on any of Town of Smoky Lake's social media pages. The disclosure of confidential or proprietary information without prior authorization may result in immediate termination.
- Town of Smoky Lake employees / Council will be held responsible for what they write or post on any of Town of Smoky Lake's social media pages. Inflammatory comments, disparaging remarks, or negative / inappropriate language or posts are not permitted.
- Town of Smoky Lake employees / Council are directed not to engage in discussions
 regarding competitors' products, legal issues in which the company is involved, or
 government issues related to the company and our industry without prior approval from
 management.
- Employees/ Council are required to respect copyrights and never post text, images or video created by someone else without proper attribution and/or authorization. If employees have questions about copyright law and/or the usage of certain media, they may contact management.
- Social media is not a substitute for inter-company communications. Important information should be transmitted within normal company communication channels (i.e. the company's email platform), and not through social media outlets.
- Social media is not a substitute for customer service. Employees are required to refer customers to the Town Office instead of handling inquiries entirely through social media.
- In the event that a Town of Smoky Lake staff member discovers any group(s) that users have formed to discuss the company, its products, or services, employees are requested to bring them to the attention of management.
- Employees are required to relay important issues to management as soon as possible.
- Employees should always carefully consider what to post in response to an argumentative
 or accusatory post. If employees or Council have any questions regarding how to respond
 to a particular post, employees / Council should discuss the issue with management prior
 to posting.
- Always adopt a positive attitude when responding to comments on the company's pages or applications, or comments about the company in general.



Company Photography

Consent is required prior to posting any photographs of employees in the company on any of the Town of Smoky Lake's social media pages.

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Acknowledgement and Agreement

Social Media Policy A ensure that employee	, acknowledge that I have read and ur 16 of Town of Smoky Lake. Further, I agree to as working under my direction adhere to this policedures outlined in this policy, I may face discipling of employment.	adhere to this policy and will icy. I understand that if I
Name:		
Signature:		
Date:		
Witness:		

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